



**DRYDEN
POLICY
DIRECTIVE**

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Responsible Office: J/Center Chief of Security

Subject: Traffic Policy

1. POLICY

Traffic laws, instructions, and policy are written and enforced to ensure a safe, orderly, and predictable flow of traffic. Dryden Flight Research Center (DFRC) is located on a U.S. Air Force installation (EAFB, CA) and driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) or government-owned vehicle (GOV) is a privilege granted by the installation Commander. Likewise, driving a POV/GOV on DFRC property is a privilege granted by the Center Director. Acceptance of those privileges requires compliance with the laws, instructions, and directives governing motor vehicle operation and registration that apply to both the installation and the Center.

- DFRC follows Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC) Instruction 31-28 (13 March 2000), EAFB Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, which establishes procedures for all implementation, enforcement, adherence, and administrative actions governing motor vehicles and traffic instructions relevant to EAFB, CA. AFFTC 31-28 also assimilates the State of California Vehicle Code (CVC), as does DFRC. AFFTC 31-28 is applicable to all personnel operating or owning any type of motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or bicycle on EAFB, CA.
- AFFTC 31-28 covers all motor vehicles, including motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and off-road vehicles. In addition, it sets forth rules governing bicycles and pedestrian rights and regulations.
- All motor vehicles operating on DFRC must be properly registered with the AFFTC Security Police Squadron, Pass and Identification (Bldg 2845) office in accordance with existing AFFTC policies.
- All traffic signs on DFRC shall be obeyed. This includes speed limit, yield, and stop signs painted on roadways where safety concerns preclude the installation of a sign. No signs shall be removed or altered without coordination and approval of Codes J (Office of Security) and F (Directorate of Research Facilities).
- Speed limits for DFRC property are as follows: 1. All marked roads outside the DFRC perimeter fence, 35 MPH unless otherwise posted. 2. All inside-the-perimeter-fence marked roads, 15 MPH unless otherwise posted. 3. Parking lots and loading/unloading areas, 5 MPH unless otherwise posted. 4. Roads adjacent to taxiways, 30 MPH unless otherwise posted. Lakebed speed limit is 35 MPH unless otherwise posted; parking ramps and flight line, 15 MPH unless otherwise posted. The speed limit is 5 MPH when within 25 feet of a parked aircraft.
- All personnel driving on the flight line, roads adjacent to the taxiways, parking ramps, and lakebed shall have a valid and current Certificate of Competency (AF Form 483), commonly referred to as a flight line driver's license, in their possession. A solid red line defines the flight line.
- At no time shall passengers ride in the bed of a pick-up or other truck, tug, golf cart or other motorized vehicle except in accordance with the State of California Vehicle Code (CVC).
- DFRC Emergency Vehicle operators shall follow the Emergency Vehicle Designation and Rules set forth in AFFTC 31-28.

- All personnel operating a golf cart shall have a valid state driver's license and shall obey all traffic signs and devices.
- It is unlawful to interfere with any Security Force member investigating accidents or traffic violations, or citing persons for such violation. All questions concerning investigations, traffic citations, or the conduct of the DFRC Security Force members shall be directed to the DFRC Chief of Security.

2. ENFORCEMENT

DFRC utilizes a multi-pronged approach to traffic policy enforcement consisting of verbal warnings/advisements, the use of internal DFRC tickets (Notice of Violation), and U.S. Magistrate tickets. Enforcement of the DFRC parking policy is covered under DPD-1620.2.

- The internal DFRC Notice of Violation will be issued by the DFRC Security Force Patrol and can be issued for all traffic policy offenses except for those specifically set forth elsewhere in this Policy. One copy of the ticket will be retained by the Security Office, one left with the driver, and one sent to the offender's onsite supervisor/sponsor (short-term visitors will be handled as set forth below). In accordance with the Revised NASA Desk Guide of Disciplinary Offenses and Penalties found in Personnel Bulletin 2001-09-HH, the supervisor/sponsor will informally counsel the offender on the first offense. The second offense will require a formal, documented counseling session, and the third offense (in any calendar year) will require a written reprimand from the supervisor/sponsor with a copy forwarded to the Security Office. A documented third offense within a calendar year will lead to the Security Office forwarding to the DFRC Director a recommendation that the offender's driving privileges on DFRC be suspended for a period of time ranging from 30-90 days.
- The DFRC Director has the option under the AFFTC/ NASA Real Estate Permit and the NASA/AFFTC Interservice Support Agreement to invite EAFB Security Police onto DFRC-controlled areas (on a reimbursable basis) for law enforcement/traffic enforcement. Security Police may issue verbal warnings/advisements, DoD tickets to military personnel and U.S. Magistrate's tickets to civilian personnel. U. S. Magistrate's tickets carry the full weight of the federal court system, including fines and court appearances. Any traffic ticket issued by the Security Police can incur points through the Armed Forces Traffic Ticket and Points Assessment System and may result in the loss of driving privileges on EAFB, CA. Magistrate's Tickets issued by DFRC Office of Security Special Agents may incur points depending on the court's policy at the time of conviction. DFRC internal tickets do not incur points in the Armed Forces System at this time.
- Those Special Agents assigned to the DFRC Security Office who have Federal Arrest Authority and who are trained and certified by the U. S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California, may issue U.S. Magistrate's tickets for violations of the California Vehicle Code on DFRC.
- Operators of motor vehicles on DFRC are subject to speed checks by Security Forces using radar or other approved speed-measuring devices/methods. U.S. Magistrates tickets for speeding based on radar or other approved speed measuring devices will be issued only by officers/agents properly trained and certified (to state standards) on the devices. Internal DFRC Notices of Violation for speeding based on radar or other approved speed measuring devices may be issued by security personnel trained on the devices.
- Several motor vehicle offenses are classified as felonies. These offenses cannot be treated with a DFRC internal ticket or by a U. S. Magistrate's ticket, but rather require an arrest. Therefore, a Special Agent with arrest authority or another law enforcement officer with proper jurisdiction will handle those offenses. These include, but are not limited to, vehicular manslaughter, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and hit-and-run accidents.
- Short-term visitors with no supervisor/sponsor at DFRC (i.e., tours, gift shop/cafeteria visitors) shall not be issued internal DFRC tickets. Verbal advisements/warnings by the DFRC security officers

shall be utilized to the maximum extent possible. For those offenses/incidents that cannot be handled by an advisement/warning, the DFRC Security Office Special Agents will be notified.

3. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to all DFRC employees, DFRC contractors, and visitors.

4. AUTHORITY

Code of Federal Regulations, Aeronautics and Space, (14 CFR).

Title 18-United States Code-Crimes and Criminal Procedure, §13. Laws of States adopted for areas within Federal jurisdiction.

State of California Vehicle Code

5. REFERENCES

National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended.

Air Force Instruction 31-204, Air Force Motor vehicle Traffic Supervision, 01 August 1997.

Air Force Flight Test Center Instruction 31-28, Edwards Air Force Base Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 13 March 2000.

Air Force Flight Test Center Instruction 10-2, Control of Vehicles On The Airfield, 18 June 1999.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of each DFRC employee, DFRC contractor, and visitor to comply with this policy.

It is the responsibility of the Installation Chief of Security to enforce this Policy.

7. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

None

8. MEASUREMENTS

None

9. CANCELLATION

None

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